

104. The labeled nucleoside/tide or nucleoside/tide analog of Claim 70 in which nucleobase B is selected from adenine, 7-deazaadenine, cytosine, guanine, 7-deazaguanine, thymine and uracil.

Al 105. A labeled polynucleotide or polynucleotide analog comprising a rhodamine dye conjugated to a nucleoside/tide or nucleoside/tide analog, wherein the rhodamine is a rhodamine-type parent xanthene having attached to the xanthene C9 carbon a phenyl group that is further substituted with an ortho carboxy or ortho sulfonate group or a salt thereof, one to three substituted or unsubstituted aminopyridinium groups and a substituted or unsubstituted alkylthio, or arylthio group. --

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 1-69 have been cancelled, and claims 70-105 have been added. No new matter has been added.

A restriction requirement was made in an Office Action of March 20, 2000 in parent application, Ser. No. 09/433,093. New claims 70-105 correspond to, and are consonant with Group IV, claims 46-71, drawn to labeled nucleoside/tides and including polynucleotides.

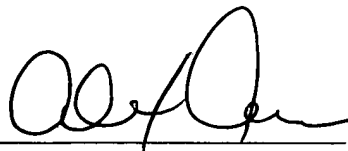
Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If any additional fees not submitted with this response are required, the Commissioner is authorized to withdraw such fees from deposit account 01-2213.

Respectfully submitted,

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